



REMARKS

Claims 22, 27, 28 and 32-85 are pending. Claims 34-83 are withdrawn.

I. The drawing corrections have been made in replacement figures submitted herewith.

The extra reference numerals have been deleted.

II. The 102(a) rejection is respectfully traversed with the submission of the *In re Katz* Declaration (see MPEP 2132.01 and 37 CFR 1.132) because the reference is not "by another" as it is applicants' "own work."

The attached Declaration states that the cited reference is applicants' own work and is thus not "by another" and is therefore not useable according to 35 USC 102(a) see MPEP 2132.01 and *In re Katz*.

Therefore, the anticipation rejection of claims 22, 27-28, 32-33, 84-85 in view of Javidi/Ahouzi ("Optical security system with Fourier plane encoding" App. Opt., Vol. 37, no 26, Sept. 10, 1998, pp. 6247-6255) is respectfully traversed.

The reference is also not a statutory bar (1 year) reference because the priority application (the provisional application) was filed on 1/29/99.

III. Claims 34-83 are withdrawn.

Please telephone the undersigned if the application is allowable except for the withdrawn claims.

IV. Conclusion.

Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Please contact the undersigned for any reason. Applicants seek to cooperate with the Examiner including via telephone if convenient for the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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